

## By the Queene.

A Proclamation to adiourne the Terme ending for Michaelmas vnto Westminster, to beginne at *Ostabis Hillarij*.



Whereas the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, vpon information giuen vnto her Highnes of the infection of the plague growen and disperfed in her Cities of London and Westminster, did by her Proclamation dated at her Mannor of Woodstocke the eighteenth of September last past, for the considerations therein expressed, cause the Terme of S. Michael to be adiourned vnto the fourth returne thereof commonly called Menfe Michaelis, hoping by that time, through the goodnes of Almightye God, and such orders as by her Maiesties speciall commandement were appointed to be kept and obserued, the saide infection of the plague might haue bene much diminished: And whereas her Maiestie afterward receiued knowledge by certificats sent from London and Westminster that the plague still continued, little abated or diminished, and therefore doubted that if the saide Terme shoulde haue bene kept at Westminster from the said Menfe Michaelis, it could not but be dangerous to such her louing subiects, who for suits and other causes shoulde make their necessary repaire thither: Therefore vpon like considerations, her Maiestie did by aduise of her Counsel, finde it very expedient, that it should bee adiourned from the saide Returne commonly called Menfe Michaelis, vntill the Returne commonly called Crastino Animarum then next ensuing, and thereby the rest of the vsual Terme to be continued and kept. For which purpose, especial choice was made of her Maiesties Castle of Hartford in her Countie of Hartford, where before the Terme vpon like occasion had bene kept, and at which place her Highnesse pleasure was that the residue of the said Terme should be kept: And therefore did by her Maiesties further Proclamation bearing date at her Honor of Hampton Court the one and twentieth day of October last past, declare and signifie her Maiesties will and pleasure therein accordingly. Sithence which time, her Maiestie hath receiued information, that the saide infection of the plague is somewhat decreased within the Cities of London and Westminster, and hoping in short time, through the goodnesse of Almightye God, that the said infection will so diminish, that the next Terme commonly called Hillarie Terme, may be holden and kept at her Citie of Westminster in the Countie of Middlesex.

Her Maiestie therefore and for other great and weightie considerations hath determined, & by this her highnesse Proclamation, doeth signifie to all her louing and faithfull Subiects, that all Plees, writs, Bils, Precepts and Procelle, and al other things whatsoever, pleadable and returnable, or to be holden, pleaded, or returned, in any of her Maiesties Courts at her sayd Castle of Hartford, at any day or dayes certaine, or in any Returne or Returnes, Terme or Termes, from or after the last day of Returne of this Terme of S. Michael, commonly called Quindena Martini, shall be adiourned from the said Castle of Hartford vnto the said Citie of Westminster, and there to be heard and determined. And her Highnesse doeth therefore declare and signifie her will and pleasure, that writs of adiournement shall be directed to the Judges and Iustices of either Bench, Barons of the Exchequer, and others of euery of her Maiesties Courtes, to whom like writs haue bene heretofore vsually directed, giuing them & euery of them authoritie to adiourne, & cause to be adiourned all Plees, writs, Bils, Procelle, Precepts, & all other things whatsoever, before them or any of them at her said Castle of Hartford, from or after the said Quindena sancti Martini, in any Returne, Terme or Termes, after the said Quindena sancti Martini retournable, or to be returned, or hauing day at the said Castle of Hartford, at the daies, Returnes, Terme and Termes in the said Plees, writs, Bils, Procelle and Precepts, contained and specified, from the foresaid Castle of Hartford, vnto the Citie of Westminster aforesaid, and thereupon to preside vnto the parties in the said Plees, Bils, writs and Precepts, the Terme, Termes, and daies of Returne in the said Plees, writs, Bils and Precepts, contained and mentioned before them at Westminster aforesaid.

And further commanding to all and singular Shyriks, and other her Highnesse officers and ministers whatso-



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ever, of her Realme of England, that they, all and singular Writtes, Billes, Procelle and Precepts, and other things whatsoever, before any of her Judges, Justices, Barons, or others aforesaid, at her Castle of Hartford aforesaid, in any Terme, Termes, or Returne from or after the said Quindena S. Martini, or any day or dayes certaine, after the said Quindena S. Martini, returnable or to be returned, with them shall reteine, and the same shall returne at the Terme, Termes, Returne, Returnes, and dayes of Returne in them specified, contained and limited before the said Judges, Justices, Barons, and others, at Westminster aforesaid. And that the said Judges, Justices, Barons, and others aforesaid, at the Terme, Termes, Returne, Returnes, and dayes of Returne in the same Writs, Billes, Precepts and Procelle contained and limited, shall thereupon proceed and make procelle, as if the said Writs, Billes, Procelle, Precepts, and other the premisses, at the Terme, Termes, Returne, and Returnes, and dayes of Returne thereof, before them at her Castle of Hartford aforesaid, had bene returned without any adiournement. And also that all matters, causes, and sutes betweene partie and partie in her Highnesse Courts of Chancerie, Starre-chamber, Eschequer, the Courts of wards and Liveries, the Duchie of Lancaster, and Court of Requests, shal haue continuance, and the parties shall haue day from the said last day of the Returne of Quindena Martini aforesaid, vntill the next Returne of Octabis Hillarij, and every day or dayes certaine, Returne or Returnes, Terme or Termes, after the said Octabis Hillarij, at the said Citie of Westminster. willing and commanding them and every of them to whom it doth apperteyne, to obserue and keepe their apparances and assemblies in all and every her Highnesse said Courts, at the said Citie of Westminster, at the said Octabis Hillarij, and at every day or dayes certaine, Returne or Returnes, Terme or Termes after the said Octabis Hillarij, in like maner, forme, and condition, as they would, should, or ought to haue done at the Castle of Hartford, if the said Terme and Courts had bene holden and kept at the said Castle of Hartford, and as they and every of them will answere at their perils, any thing in her Maiesties said former Proclamation to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at her Maiesties Honoz of Hampton Court, the two and twentieth day of Nouember 1592. in the five and thirtieth yeere of her Highnesse reigne.

*God saue the Queene.*

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